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U.S. OPENS JOB CORPS CENTER IN KANSAS;
SOLO PARENT PROGRAM PLANNED

WASHINGTON -- A new Job Corps Center has officially opened its doors to disadvantaged youth and single parents.

The Flint Hills Job Corps Center, located southwest of Manhattan, Kan. in Riley County will provide a unique combination of basic education and vocational training along with a program for single parents and their children. This addition brings the total number of Job Corps centers throughout the U.S. to 108.

The center will offer facilities and programs for single parents and their dependent children so that corps-members can benefit from Job Corps without being separated from their children. The Solo Parent Program -- designed to serve up to 36 participants and 40 children -- will help students develop good parenting skills through a number of activities for parents and their children. There is also a child development center on campus.

The Flint Hills Job Corps Center will offer vocational training in health occupations, culinary arts, plumbing, carpentry, cement masonry, building and apartment maintenance and business and clerical occupations. The center will accommodate a total of 250 residential and non-residential students.

Job Corps is the nation's only residential education and training program for disadvantaged youth. The program serves 68,000 students each year at centers in 44 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Since the first center opened in 1965, Job Corps has successfully prepared nearly 1.5 million youth aged 16 to 21 for productive employment.

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$411,583 CONTRACT AWARDED FOR CONSTRUCTION AT KENTUCKY JOB CORPS CENTER

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Department of Labor is awarding a $411,583 contract to H & N Constructors, Inc., of Louisville, Ky., for construction and rehabilitation services at the Whitney Job Corps Center.

The contract calls for rehabilitation of the center's administration building (includes demolition of the walls and floor structures), asbestos abatement, restroom rehabilitation, the addition of new interior finishes and window replacement.

The Whitney Young Job Corps Center, located near Louisville, Ky., has a capacity of 277 students. The center offers vocational training in electrical wiring, carpentry construction, cooking, welding, bricklaying and other areas.

Job Corps provides education and training to nearly 68,000 students each year at 108 centers in 44 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Established in 1964, the program prepares disadvantaged youth ages 16 to 21 for productive employment.

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LABOR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES $605,385 GRANT
FOR DISLOCATED WORKERS IN NEW JERSEY

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Department of Labor is providing a $605,385 grant to assist 135 workers dislocated by the closure of the Johnson and Johnson Personal Products facility in Milltown, N.J.

The grant, authorized under the Secretary of Labor's national reserve account, is part of Title III of the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) for dislocated workers. It will provide a number of services including assessment, job search assistance, counseling, job development, job placement, on-the-job training, classroom training and supportive services.

The dislocated worker program is a comprehensive approach to assisting workers who have been, or are about to be, laid off due to technological change, foreign competition or the permanent closing of a plant or facility. Training is also provided for workers who are unlikely to return to their previous industry or occupation and who have little prospect for local employment or re-employment.

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LABOR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES OVER $1.8 MILLION
GRANT FOR DISLOCATED WORKERS IN TEXAS

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Department of Labor is providing a $1.8 million grant to assist approximately 800 workers affected by the reduction in force of Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, Texas, Secretary of Labor Lynn Martin has announced.

"We are committed to assisting these experienced workers with the training, retraining and other adjustment services they need to remain competitive in the workplace," Martin said.

The grant, authorized under the Defense Conversion Adjustment program, is part of Title III of the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) for dislocated workers. The City of Fort Worth/The Working Connection will operate the program.

The grant will fund a number of services including career assessment, job search assistance, classroom training, on-the-job training and supportive services.

The project has established the Carswell Civilian Employees Transition Committee which consists of representatives from the American Federation of Government Employees and civilian personnel from Carswell AFB. This committee is providing outreach and recruitment activities to the affected workers.

The dislocated worker program is a comprehensive approach to assisting workers who have been, or are about to be, laid off due to technological change, foreign competition, or the permanent closing of a plant or facility. Training is also provided for workers who are unlikely to return to their previous industry or occupation and who have little prospect for local employment or re-employment.

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FILLERS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Manufacturing employment will decline by 600,000 jobs over the 1990-2005 period, but the industry will still account for almost 14 percent of total employment, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Quarterly, Fall 1991.

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Overall, employment in manufacturing will decline by three percent between 1990 and 2005, but some occupations will have much greater declines and others will increase. the greatest declines will be for jobs in rapidly declining industries or those affected by improvements in production methods, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Quarterly, Fall 1991.

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Between 1990 and 2005, an estimated seven million workers who enter the labor force will find jobs in manufacturing due to the need to replace those who leave the labor force or change jobs to enter the non-manufacturing industries, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Quarterly, Fall 1991.

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